



**DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
PESTICIDE REGISTRATION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2007**

Committee Members/Alternates in Attendance:

Patti L. TenBrook, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Reg. 9 (USEPA)
Martha Harnly, Department of Public Health (CDPH-EHIB)
Barry Wilson, University of California Department of Environmental Toxicology (UCD)
Rebecca Sisco, University of California IR-4 Program
David Ting, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
Lynn Baker, Air Resources Board (ARB)
Stella Borucki, Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)
Brian Larimore, Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB)
Tobi Jones, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)

Visitors in Attendance:

Mark Rentz, DPR
Denise Webster, DPR
Pam Wofford, DPR
Eileen Mahoney, DPR
Chuck Andrews, DPR
David Duncan, DPR
Michael Papathakis, DPR
Jeanne Martin, DPR
Nasser Dean, Western Plant Health Assn.
Roberta Firoved, CA Rice Commission
Paul Hann, Central Valley RWQCB
Kathleen Haley, Inside CAL/EPA-newsletter
Debbie Rebuyon, DPR
Jim Wells, Environmental Solutions Group
Artie Lawyer, Technical Sciences Group (TSG)
Angela Csondes, ARB
Scott Kohne, Bayer
Larry Bienati, CTM, Inc.
David McCarty, DPR

1. Introductions and Committee Business - Tobi Jones, Chairperson, DPR
 - a. About 28 people attended the meeting.
 - b. There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 17, 2006.



2. Update of the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) 2001 Strategic Plan – Mark Rentz, Deputy Director and Larry Bienati, Consultant

The purpose of this agenda item was for DPR to gain input on its DRAFT 2008 Strategic Plan. Deputy Director Mark Rentz introduced this agenda item by describing the process and time line that DPR is taking to finalize this plan. Consultant Larry Bienati then shared the draft plan and facilitated input from attendees. The Director and her Management Team will use input from this meeting, the meeting of the Pest Management Advisory Committee, DPR employees and County Agricultural Commissioners to finalize its 2008 Strategic Plan by early January.

3. Consultation on Criteria for Selecting Sites for Air Monitoring under AB 1807– Randy Segawa, Environmental Monitoring Branch

Randy presented information on Toxic air contaminant monitoring for pesticides includes two types of studies: application-site studies to estimate acute exposures and ambient studies to estimate longer-term exposures. Randy Segawa described some alternatives for the ambient studies. State law requires Cal/EPA to consider environmental justice in its data collection programs. Randy presented two examples of how DPR has included environmental justice considerations in ambient air monitoring.

For the environmental justice pilot project, DPR selected a single community for ambient air monitoring of multiple pesticides. DPR selected Parlier from among 83 candidate communities based on child population density, non-white population percentage, median family income, number of drift illnesses, and pesticide use. DPR and ARB used similar criteria in selecting several communities for methomyl toxic air contaminant monitoring.

Randy asked for comments and suggestions for if and how DPR and ARB should consider environmental justice factors for ambient air monitoring. Barry Wilson suggested selecting the highest use community and spot checking other communities. Several other committee members agreed that DPR should always include the highest use community in the monitoring. Martha Harnly suggested monitoring communities in areas where growers have adopted reduced-risk practices for comparison purposes. DPR will continue to accept suggestions for another month or two.

4. Status of Methyl Iodide at DPR– Tobi Jones, Pesticide Programs Division

Chair Jones briefly discussed the status of methyl iodide at DPR because of media attention brought about by U.S.EPA's decision to register this fumigant. A registration decision is not imminent at DPR. A risk assessment has to be completed and it will undergo external review.

5. Agenda items for next meeting Tobi Jones, DPR

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008, in the Sierra Room on the second floor of the Cal/EPA building, located at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California.

6. Closing Comments - Tobi Jones, DPR

The meeting was adjourned.